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Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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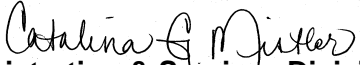
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SUBJECT: **Cal Grant C and September 2 Competitive Update**

The purpose of this Operations Memo is to provide an update on the 2008-09 Cal Grant C and September 2 Competitive Cal Grant award processes, as communicated in GSA 2008-35.

Cal Grant C Awards

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) has completed processing the 2008-09 Cal Grant C awards and has made the authorized number of Cal Grant C awards to eligible students.

Cal Grant Competitive A and B Awards

The Commission has completed processing the 2008-09 September 2 Competitive Cal Grant awards for students enrolled in a California Community College. In addition to meeting the general Cal Grant A and B eligibility criteria, applicants were scored for Grade Point Average (GPA), household size and income, parents' educational level, household status and access equalizer using the Commission approved scoring criteria. Applicants with a score of 159 or above were offered an award. Over 104,000 financially eligible applicants were considered for the available 11,250 September 2 Competitive awards which are allocated by state law.

Notifications to Students

The Commission will begin mailing award notifications to selected students on October 8, 2008. All applicants who were considered can review their status on-line at WebGrants for Students at https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov.

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Answering Student Scoring Questions

A breakdown of the awards scoring for all Competitive Cal Grant and Cal Grant C students can be located on the WebGrants Student Award Detail screen. This provides schools access to the scoring information in order to understand why a student was not awarded and to answer questions that students might have regarding their Cal Grant eligibility.

Grant Rosters

WebGrants rosters displaying all 2008-09 award recipients will be available on October 8, 2008 and the WebGrants system will be back in update mode. As reported earlier, schools may begin reporting transactions for these students.

The Commission appreciates your patience during this busy processing time caused by the delayed State Budget. If you have any questions regarding any of the information contained in this Operations Memo, please contact School Support Services at (888) 294-0153 or schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov.

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